

## Shout out to God

Our thanks to Rev'd Eileen Appleyard, who draws our attention to some words written by Rev A Kathie Heathcoat during a Sabbatical in 2017 that seem even more appropriate for these times. Kathie comments that the words may also be used as a hymn in which case the metre is 7.6.7.6.D and suggests the tune Ellacombe. They can of course be read (preferably out loud!) as a poem.

Shout out to God who weaves a web  
Of news and fun and care  
Accessed by all, on tiny screens  
And almost anywhere.  
A web that now enables us  
To learn and grow and share  
For such an opportunity  
Shout out - God's everywhere!

Shout out to God who fills the air  
With waves and light and sound  
That move unseen and silently  
By barriers unbound.  
When days of fun are shared online  
For friends both far and near,  
Who like and love and laugh out loud  
Shout out to God and cheer.

Shout out to God who brings us close  
Through FaceTime, text and Zoom  
We now can see, and hear and show  
The stories of our life.  
Grandparents watch grandchildren play  
As if they lived next door  
And feel included in their lives,  
Shout out to God once more.

Shout out to God who promised us  
Through rainbows and the cross  
To be alongside us always,  
Through joy and pain and loss  
Through loves and likes and tears and wows  
We know God's loving care  
Responding to the posts we read,  
We shout out - God is there.

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Kathie has given us the necessary consent to use these words.

Eileen can recommend the three books Kathie has written  
'In every God-created thing' 2018, from which the above comes.  
'The Word made Flesh' 2018 (Advent and Christmas Resources)  
'A Voice in the Wilderness' 2019 (Meditations on Holy Week and Easter)

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